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Your Last-Minute Xmas Shopping is ripe in the Valley of the Moon

Nope. Haven't yet got much of any Christmas spirit—but it'll be along maybe in another week. Some of our regular advertisers have it, though, and some just occasional advertisers. They want to have "Season's Greetings" in Moonbeams next week. We're glad. Wish we had a hundred or so. If you're one of them, for gosh sakes call us up. It'll cost just one dollar.

The minutes you put in at the table don't make you fat. It's the seconds. VALLEY WATCH REPAIR, Boyes. For the Better Gifts.

And we learn of many eateries which will be open for the Christmas diners-out. Will try and list 'em next week. Many two-member families are of late years considering how foolish it is to cook a big turkey dinner, work hard all morning and maybe the day before, then it's all over in a matter of say 18 minutes. Let's go out this year!

RAY'S SIGNAL SERVICE, Arnold Drive at Cecilia, Eldridge. For Emergency Groceries at any time; good sized stock. WE 8-5811.

But the "big" holiday is fast approaching. Back in Illinois, as a young blade (what's that?) we gathered for several nights before the holiday (Thanksgiving too) in the back room of one or two meat markets and shook Indian dice for turkeys, ducks, geese, and chickens. Sure there were ties, and there had to be tie-breakers. Some players never won, but we lucky ones did all right. Wish we could do it nowadays.

Never heard many carols in our town. "O Come All Ye Faithful" is the only one we remember, and must have been a grown man before we heard "Silent Night" and other of the ones most common now. But we had "cantatas" in the church, not too well done we expect, but they entertained churchfuls of people, and the kids loved the tree and

Santa and presents of candy and nuts, with an occasional orange a real prize.

WE'LL BE OPEN for your Christmas dinner. Wonderful menu, low prices. Bring the family. EL DORADO HOTEL, Sonoma.

A motorist is a person who, after seeing a wreck, drives carefully for several blocks.

GLEN ELLEN LIQUOR STORE. On Arnold Drive. Complete selection of fine wines and liquors. "SLIM" WALLACE.

If you value a little peace of mind, don't enter one of those prolonged puzzle contests. One we're in is getting toward the end, and the puzzles are getting more difficult every day. It makes the sleep fitful, you work all night. Didn't get our last one done until 38 minutes before the next one arrived.

But we can't be licked too easily, so will keep after that $5000 prize. And if we wind up with $98, it's still been fun.

BANCROFT NURSERY, Sonoma. For Giving: Azaleas, camellias, poinsettias, cut flowers, corsages. Gift certificates. Telegraph.

'Taint official, but we know there's negotiations going on which may bring Phil Woolpert, Bill Russell and Casey Jones here next spring for the annual father and son banquet. Who they? Merely the present coach of the University of San Francisco basketball team, national champions, and his two all-Americans of last year, members of the Olympics team which trimmed everybody. Keep your eyes open for more dope.

RUSTIC INN, Glen Ellen. Authentic old-time western atmosphere, but modern know-how when it comes to tasty beverages.

For that person you just don't know what to get him, why not consider a year's subscription to Moonbeams? Especially if he lives over across the mountains, or maybe lived here once upon a time. Cost is $1.29 (that's because it costs us $1.04 to mail it for a year). We'll even send a card telling the man or woman, boy or girl or whatnot, that you're the donor.

AQUA SOFT—Water Treating Co. Sonoma owned. Call Petaluma Porter 2-7458. Evenings, Sonoma, Webster 8-3433.

If you let your car stand out of doors through the kind of weather we had last week, it's a tossup whether or not your radiator will freeze up during the night. Local service stations have anti-freeze, but they were all sold out over the weekend. Alcohol in the radiator also does a good job, but it won't last if the weather turns warm.

BATES AND EVANS, Funeral Directors. Sonoma Valley's Pioneer Funeral Service firm. Serving families of all faiths since 1879. 691 Broadway, Sonoma. WEbster 8-2686.

A bachelor, it is said, is a guy who can pull his socks on from either end.

VALLEY OF THE MOON CIGARS—Union label, handmade right here at home. Most dealers have 'em. Superior quality always.

There's some unique plastic gadgets that can be placed outdoors, lighted, and they turn around all day long. Saw a clever one at the Powder Box beauty shop in Eldridge. If you can find time, take a look.

RUGGLES VARIETY STORE, Sonoma. Holiday Sale! Cleanup on floor samples. Cards. Gifts. Large and varied stocks. Come in.

The cross-highway decorations are up in Boyes Springs. There's one down toward the Mission Inn on the plaza, and a huge fir tree there will be decorated for the holiday season. Boyes Springs fire house as usual heads the list as one of the best decorated buildings in town.

Driving around, at night you'll see many a lighted outdoor tree and household entrances—a heart-warming custom we think.

POWDER BOX BEAUTY SHOP, Arnold Drive near Eldridge. A modern shop, experienced operators. For appointment call 8-2673.

And along with so many other persons, we don't like Elvis the Pelvis in any particular. But we did hear a record he made—"Love Me Tender"—sort of a hillbilly with seafaring overtones, and it wasn't bad. Only Perry Como, if he wanted to, could sing it SO much better.

TODD CONSTRUCTION - ESTIMATING SERVICE. Surveying. Subdivisions. 18340 Sonoma Hwy., Boyes. Greengrass Bldg.

It's Classy! TOWN HOUSE SUPPER CLUB, Glen Ellen. Superb food. Cocktails. Luxurious atmosphere. Bring your visitors here.

Many have remarked about the "gross commercialism" of the Christmas season, and maybe we've had similar feelings in varied degree from time to time. But right now we're sending out cards, and receiving them, and actually it brings a good feeling to most of us. How else could you convey your friendship so easily? How else could you expect to hear from old friends and others perhaps not so old, as by the Christmas card method?

Yes, Christmas is a grand season, a grand time o' year.

SONOMA FURNITURE MART, So. Broadway. Give "really good" presents. Furniture and our specialties are best. Lay-Aways, yet.

ENCHILADAS, tacos, tortillas—ALL Spanish Foods now at MENDEL'S CAFE, Boyes Plaza. Short orders. Wonderful steaks!

The Bud Delaneys went up to Stateline last weekend for some skiing. They had a grand time, but there wasn't enough snow to get a good slide-down-hill workout. However, they did all right at some of

the plushier spots, and their little vacation didn't cost them a nickel.

FIELDS' AUTO REPAIRS, next to Texaco, Fetters Springs. Repairing all makes. Work guaranteed. Charges always low.

ADOBE DRUG (Ray S. Duer), 417 First St. W., Sonoma. WE 8-2971
Prescription Specialists Veterinary Supplies

On this Christmassy theme: Once in Ohio we attended a Christmas program in a little country schoolhouse. Friend of ours was Santa Claus.

SONOMA MILL & LUMBER CO., Hiway 12 at the big curve. Super service for contractors, carpenters, home owners, ranchers.

OUR RESORT, El Verano. Harvey and Melina. Stein Club headquarters. Draft beer, mixed drinks. Friendly place always.

'Way back then they used lighted candles on the tree, and Santa had a cotton batt beard, all white and nice. But this time Santa got too near a lighted candle, his beard caught fire, and he rushed down the aisle and out into the snow where he was fortunate in putting out the blaze.

Scared him and everybody else aplenty.

Happily nowadays they use electricity for the lights, the beards are fireproofed, and with ordinary care the danger of fire is considerably lessened.

RICHFIELD SERVICE, Boyes Springs. Center of town. Fast and efficient service. Accessories. Bud Delaney, Proprietor.

MIKE & ROSE'S BOYES SPRINGS STORE. Specials on meats of finest quality, last three days each week. Try our steaks.

Nowadays, some wives think they are good cooks if they serve a meal they have thawed out all by themselves.

HOOKER OAKS TRAILER COURT, Hiway 12. Groceries. Shell products. Propane gas. Trailer space in grove for rent.

FRIBERG DRUG STORE, So. Broadway, Sonoma. Prescription specialists. A super drug store, large stocks. Soda fountain, too.

Lions club will have a Christmas party for members and their ladies next Tuesday night at the Town House, Glen Ellen. Gifts will be exchanged as has been customary for many years.

Lions aren't doing so much this year in the way of community holiday projects. Customarily they have a theater party for the kids, but the theater will be closed the week before Christmas, so that party is out. Lions' usual lighted tree was made unnecessary when the Merchants' association decided to decorate a tree on the Mission Inn

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grounds.

At Tuesday's meeting, Don Henson, sergeant 1st class, stationed at the Presidio (a local man by the way), showed colored slides he took while stationed with the army in Germany. His pictures covered Germany, Bavaria, Austria, Italy (Venics, Florence, Rome and Milan), and there was a surprise ending. (Ask a Lion.)

SEE GREENGRASS for expert advice on all matters pertaining to Real Estate, Insurance. Phone 8-4731. 18340 Sonoma Hiway.

MAC DONALD'S JEWELRY, Sonoma. Expert watch service. Jewelry for everybody. Watches. Shavers. Watch Bands. Rings.

Mike Moore, former customs collector at San Francisco for many years, former fire commissioner in Boyes, is reported in a Napa hospital for treatment for the ills which are common when one gets to a ripe old age. Our best wishes for his speedy recovery.

WALTER GRUNERT AUTO UPHOLSTERY, Fetters Springs. Texaco station. Seat covers, floor mats, truck cushions, interior work.

JIM'S FINE MEATS, at Boyes Food Center. Choicest meats, cut as you like it. Delicatessen section. Friendly and fast service.

"Junior" Lorshbaugh, well known painter and decorator, was in town last weekend visiting with his friends. He's now located at Stateline, where he says he's so busy he could work 24 hours a day and still not catch up.

LEE STARRETT, Masseur, at Bathhouse, Boyes. Massages, slenderizing. You'll look and feel better. Make it a habit.

R. A. "BOB" MILLER — "Yours for Life"

Insurance Exclusively Next to Telephone Co., Sonoma

This was kinda funny, after a fashion. Left the postoffice the other morning, driving slowly. Pulling away, heard the most awful sound, apparently from the rear of the car, and wondered what had happened. It was Dr. David T. Jones, local chiropractor, hammering on the car body.

We stopped. Doc said: "Hey, of all those cheerful sentiments people utter when they raise a glass with a friend, you didn't include what the Welsh say."

"Okay. What do they say?"

"It's 'Iechyd da,'" and he pronounced it—we suppose, correctly. But we made him write it down.

So this holiday season, if you're celebrating with a good Welshman, just say "Iechyd da" and everything will be salubrious.

SONOMA GROVE, Hiway 12 south of Boyes. Italian food a specialty. Varied menus—all good. Cocktails. Always the very best.

DENNY'S COG CLUB, Boyes. Congenial gathering place for sportsmen and all real people. Wonderful drinkables.

New 1957 cars feature nearly every gadget imaginable. About the only thing missing is a button to push to show when the next payment is due.

YELL'S ACRES NURSERY, in the heart of Glen Ellen. Specialists in Dahlias, Fuchsias, Tuberous Begonias. Make selections now.

SONOMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB. Superb food and drinks, with exquisite surroundings. Try our Clown Room after golfing.

We didn't happen to catch it, but somebody told us that on the Ozzie and Harriet program the other night, the well-loved couple put in a big plug for Hanna Center for Boys, our own western boys' town. The annual plea for funds for the center is now on, and reports are that response has been most satisfactory.

RAY'S AUTO WRECKING—1216 East MacArthur. Sonoma. WE 8-5173. We tow, buy, sell, trade. Old cars, trucks. Open 8 to 5.

BANQUETS and PARTIES our specialty. PAUL'S RESORT, Verano. Dancing every Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Come on over.

Melvin Todd of the Todd Estimating and Construction Service of Boyes Springs, is again back on the job after a hospital siege, about three weeks in all, for major surgery. The company's office is in the Greengrass building. The day after Todd's operation his wife lost her father, Richard Cottrell of San Francisco, who passed away after a long and active business life.

TOWNSEND'S, next to Bank of America, Sonoma. Shoes for the family. Koret sport shirts and jackets. Levis, Jeans, Work Clothes.

MANCUSO WINES, grower-produced. Glen Ellen. Available at every retail outlet. As good as the best, and better than most.

Friends have received word of the arrival in Honolulu of Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Saunders, who were married recently in San Francisco. Dr. Saunders is owner of Sonoma Golf and Country club, and lives in a handsome home on grounds opposite the club. Mrs. Saunders is the former Clara Guthrie, who has been connected with the Sacramento Bee, and well known throughout northern California.

BUD'S GARAGE. Now located Railroad & Cherry Sts. Repairing all cars. Guaranteed service. Phone WE 8-3971.

BOYES SPRINGS FOOD CENTER. More food for your money. We stock only quality. A grocery department store. Take-out license.

Eugene Francis Forward, 68, well known Springs area resident, died of a heart attack Sunday while talking with friends. Rushed to the hospital, efforts to revive him were futile. Funeral services were held in Bates and Evans funeral home Wednesday morning, with Rev. Wayne Williams conducting. Interment was in Maton cemetery near Red Bluff, his former home. Forward had lived in the Valley since

1927, had worked for PG&E and as technician at Napa State hospital. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Frances Forward of Boyes Springs; his children, Lawrence and Leonard and Frances June Forward of Sonoma, Edward Forward of San Francisco, Mrs. Sylvia DeChene of Londonside and Walter Forward of Fort Bragg.

SONOMA MISSION INN, Boyes. Nationwide reputation for gracious living. Dining room, cocktail bar, open to general public.

THE CHICKEN HOUSE, Hiway 12, Boyes. Finest chicken you ever ate. Complete menu. Short orders. Home-made pies.

HOW SHARP ARE YOU ON CHRISTMAS?

What do you know about Christmas? Here's a short quiz that will test your memory, entertain friends and prove instructive to children. The answers are "down below."

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QUESTIONS

1. Many famous artists have depicted the Coming of the Wise Men. Can you name one such artist?
2. What were the names of the Three Wise Men?
3. What does the word "magi" mean?
4. When was Christmas first celebrated on December 25?
5. Can you name the first Christmas opera written especially for television?
6. What was the origin of the Christmas tree?
7. When was the first important Christmas feast held?
8. What is the origin of Santa Claus?
9. When were the first Christmas bells rung?
10. One of the most popular Christmas carols is "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." What does it mean and where does the comma belong?
11. What is "epiphany?"
12. What is the origin of wassail?
13. Where did the custom of hanging stockings by the fireplace originate?

B & L LAUNDROMAT, Fetters. Bring your laundry here regularly for fast service and small charge. Wash. Dry. Iron.

ANSWERS

1. Botticelli, Veronese, da Vinci, Rubens, Durer, among others.
2. Melchior, Balthasar, Kaspar.
3. It means "august," the name given to the priestly class among the ancient Medes and Persians.
4. Until about 350 A.D. there was no date set for the celebration

of Christmas. Sometimes it was December 25. Other times it was January 6, December 6 and even March 25. The Feast of the Nativity was first celebrated in Rome December 25, 353 A.D. and from that the date became almost universally accepted.

5. "Amahi and the Night Visitors" by Gian Carlo Menotti.

6. The Christmas tree is attributed to Boniface, an 8th century English missionary to Germany, who decorated evergreen trees as a part of his Christmas celebration.

7. In 878 A.D. during the reign of King Alfred, it was decreed that Yuletide be observed for a period of 12 days with much feasting and revelry. At the first celebration by Alfred, foods were served on gold and silver platters.

8. The original name of Santa Claus is derived from the Latin, Sanctus Nicolaus. Other forms are the German Sankt Nikolaus and the Dutch Sinter Klaus. Actually there was a real St. Nicholas, an early Christian bishop, who lived during the 4th century. It was because of his generosity that our ideas of the modern Santa Claus and gift giving developed.

9. Bells were first used in churches by Paulinus, bishop of Nola, in Campania, Italy, about 400 A.D.

10. The title means "God keep you merry and healthy, my friends." The comma, often misplaced, belongs after the word "merry."

11. This most important church feast, usually celebrated January 6, means "manifestation." This date was chosen because three important manifestations of Christ's deity were observed at this time.

12. The wassail was introduced into England from Scandinavia by Henry VII. A mixture of hot ale and spices, it is considered a drink of good cheer toasting the success of the coming year.

13. This custom is said to have originated in northern Europe by children who filled their shoes with food and set them in front of the fireplace for Santa Claus and his reindeer.

ROZARIO'S PALMS INN, Verano. Gathering place for the discriminating. Fine food and excellent bar. THE INSKEEPS.

Flowers and vegetables to dry: Aster, begonia, calendula, carnation, castor bean, catnip, chrysanthemum, cotton, dahlia, dandelion, dusty miller, geranium, larkspur, lemon verbena, lilac, lupine, marigold, pansy, poppy, rose, stock, yarrow, zinnia.

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